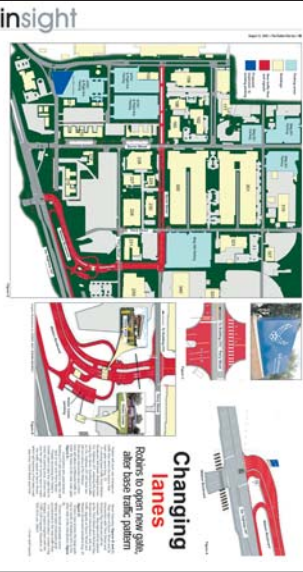




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'Freedom Walk' to commemorate 9/11

WASHINGTON (AFPN) – Defense Department officials announced Tuesday the first "America Supports You" Freedom Walk to honor the victims of Sept. 11, 2001, and America's servicemembers, as well as to celebrate freedom.

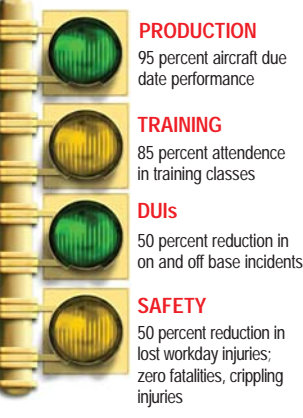
The Freedom Walk will begin at 10 a.m. Sept. 11 in the Pentagon south parking lot, near the site where the airliner crashed into the Pentagon. The walk route will consist of a two-mile trek through Arlington National Cemetery, over the Potomac River, and will end by the reflecting pool on the National Mall, where a free concert featuring country music star Clint Black will take place.

To avoid long lines, participants are encouraged to arrive at the Pentagon south parking lot between 7 and 8 a.m. According to the Freedom Walk Web site, the first 1,000 people to arrive will receive an official America Supports You campaign lapel pin.

Those wishing to walk in this year's Freedom Walk can register online by visiting www.AmericaSupportsYou.mil and clicking on the Freedom Walk icon. Volunteer opportunities also are available online. Registration is open until 10 a.m. Sept. 9.

ON TRACK

The designated goal day is Nov. 10. The measurement period began April 1 and ends Sept. 30.



WHAT IT MEANS
Green means goal is being met or exceeded.
Yellow means goal has not been met, but is still attainable.
Red means goal cannot be met.

The information reflects Robins' progress toward the goal day as of Aug. 10.
U.S. Air Force graphic by REV-UP STAFF

Ready to learn



U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP

Robins Elementary School students returned to school Tuesday. Alex the alligator, the tooth fairy from the dental office and Sparky from the Base Fire Department greeted the children on their first day of school. Teachers have high expectations of students for the school year - test scores have increased from the previous years and are above the national average.

Above, Aubrey Winburn, front, and other students in Lynn Wick's second grade class sing the national anthem on the first day of school. Right, Christian Vander Vort colors an assignment in Carolyn Rambert's first grade class.



Command chief outlines current issues enlisted Airmen face

78th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

A four-base tour recently gave Air Force Materiel Command's command chief master sergeant a chance to visit Robins. Chief Master Sgt. Jon Hake attended Robins' Senior Noncommissioned Officer Induction ceremony and addressed a few issues facing today's enlisted Airmen Aug. 12.

Q. You're here for the Senior NCO Induction Ceremony. What are your feelings about your career, as you look back on your years since becoming a chief master sergeant?

A. Since I became a senior

NCO, which was in 1988, the responsibilities that we give to our senior NCOs today are far greater than they were back in 1988. Not that they weren't important in 1988, but certainly as the years have gone by, we've put additional responsibility on our senior NCOs. As we've stepped up to the Global War on Terrorism, that's become increasingly important.

Q. What is the biggest change in store for these NCOs as they become chiefs?

A. The biggest change I think that they will see as senior noncommissioned officers is a broader scope of responsibility. They are now (the leaders). They will now be the ones who decided the things that happened. That infamous "they" is someone in a leadership position in the Air Force and now that will be them. Senior NCOs are what I call company people. They're senior leaders in the United States Air Force. People look to them to get direction and make policy.

Q. What is the biggest issue facing enlisted troops in AFMC?

A. The biggest issue in Air Force Materiel Command is probably the same issue that we have in all of the Air Force, and



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP
Chief Master Sgt. Jon Hake is Air Force Materiel Command's command chief master sergeant.

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Base water restrictions continue

By HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD
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Despite increased rainfall, water restrictions continue for area residents.

State-wide rules restricting residential and non-commercial water use were adopted by the Georgia Board of Natural Resources in 2004, and officials said the restrictions will remain in place until further notice.

WHEN TO WATER

People living at **odd numbered** home addresses may use water outdoors on **Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays, between 8 p.m. - 11 a.m.**

People living at **even numbered** home addresses may use water outdoors on **Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays, between 8 p.m. - 11 a.m.**

No outdoor water use is allowed on Fridays.

The Pine Oaks Golf Course and base industrial operations are exempt from the restrictions.

► see WATER, 3A

Nurses encourage civilians to take charge of their health by participating in base health screenings

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When the Civilian Health Promotion Service nurse educators made a visit to the F-15 Wing Shop three weeks ago, Matt Brown took the opportunity to get a free health screening. A week later the results were in and not exactly what he expected.

"I'm 22 years old and found out I was in pretty bad shape," he said. "I would recommend this program to anyone, at any age, because I didn't think I could have problems at my age."



Carol Boutwell and Rebecca Foley are RN educators. Lynn Oakes is the nurse coordinator of the group.

Eating habits, which have since been dramatically altered, had led the F-15 sheet metal mechanic down the road to high cholesterol, something he never thought much about.

"It's a good program," he said. "It's a real attention getter. Overall this is definitely something good for everyone to do."

► see HEALTH, 2A

THINK SAFETY

AIRMEN AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING
To request a ride, call 335-5218, 335-5238 or 335-5236.

SLOW DOWN ► 510 speeding tickets have been issued to date. Accumulating 12 traffic violation points within a year may cause drivers to lose base driving privileges for up to 6 months. Speeding violation points are based on the number of miles over the posted speed limit.

WEATHER FORECAST

Courtesy of 78th OSS/OSW



CHIEF

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goes a heck of a lot better. Second, set them up for success. If you know your people and know their desires and what they believe is important and you can align that with our mission, you can satisfy all of those goals and the mission at the same time. That’s the challenge and the greatest responsibility.

Q. What advice would you offer young Airmen?
A. I talked with FTAC (First

Term Airman Center) today and the question they didn’t ask me, which is normally asked, is “how do you get to be chief?”. My short answer to them was two words - work hard. Some folks look at that and think, “what a flippant answer. It can’t be that easy.” But it really is. No job is more important than the job you’re doing today. It may not be the job you want, but no job is more important than the job you’re doing today. So, it’s incumbent upon you to give your absolute best.

Q. What advice would you

offer supervisors of these young Airmen?
A. Well, usually supervisors of senior NCOs are either other senior NCOs like chiefs or young officers. I would say capitalize on the talents and experience of those senior noncommissioned officers. Let them know what the mission is, what your expectations are, and then get out of the way and watch them soar. Watch them take on the mission and inspire others to get the mission done.
Additional comments:
It’s a pleasure to be at

Robins Air Force Base. It’s my second visit here in the 11 months I’ve been in the position. It’s not as frequent as I would like, so, I’ll try to get back a little bit sooner next time. I’ve been to visit the 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron, 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron, 78th Security Forces Squadron, and a lot of other different organizations, and what I came upon were professionals working very hard. The MPF (Military Personnel Flight) is where I met a gentleman that is doing the work of three people.

Now there might be someone working out on the flight line, maybe bending sheet metal or whatever, and they’re thinking, ‘boy that guy back there working in the MPF sure has it easy.’ But if that person needs something done to (his or her) records and it’s not right and it’s time to get that board, suddenly that’s the most important person on Robins Air Force Base. So, everyone’s job is important. We all have different perceptions of what everyone else is contributing to the fight, but it all fits into the big picture.

“Right now, we’re a nation at war and it will not be easy. We see what has happened with the Marines – the losses that have been suffered. It takes a very dedicated American to say, ‘hey, I want to serve. I want to do that.’ All of those young men and women that sat in the room at that FTAC joined after 9/11. They joined after we had been in Afghanistan, after we had been in Iraq for an extended period also, and after we had 1,500 casualties and countless injuries. Yet, they still stood up and said, ‘I’d like to do this.’”

LEADERS

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said Mr. Teel. “Selection criteria included any civilian supervisor or manager from grade levels WS-10 up to GS-14 and military personnel from the rank of captain to lieutenant colonel.” The program, which was designed specifically around the results of a leadership knowledge based assessment that identified specific training needs, was directed by Maj. Gen. Mike Collings, Center commander, and targets needs identified through the assessment. “The commander realized we had a need to better prepare our leaders here at the Center,” said Mr. Teel. “He stands behind the program and has used his management reserve funds to provide primary funding for the program with additional funding support from Air Force Materiel Command.” The target audience for the pilot program includes military and civilian leaders from both production and support functions. The primary subject areas will include leadership principles and qualities, setting priorities, team building, problem solving and others. The program will consist of approximately 212 hours of classroom training and 68 hours of assessment evaluation and

mentoring. Mentoring will be provided by a number of dedicated senior leaders. The participants will spend roughly 16 hours per month in a classroom instruction provided by four professional training providers. “The classroom instruction was spread over a period of time so it wouldn’t impact participants by taking them out of the work area for an extended period and allows participants to apply newly gained knowledge prior to returning to the next class,” said Mr. Teel. A kickoff briefing was held Monday to inform the participants about the program. Another briefing was scheduled for Thursday. The briefings are designed to give the participants insight and understanding of the program. “Any time you can prepare leaders to become better leaders it’s a worthwhile effort,” said Mr. Teel. “At the end of the 12 month period, participants will receive a certificate indicating the completion of program requirements.” Mr. Teel added that while the pilot program is designed to gauge the success of this type program, if successful, it will be offered to other civilian and military supervisors here at the Center. “The goal is to simply enhance the skills of our current supervisors and leaders,” he said. Classes begin Monday.

HEALTH

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nearly 1,400 members of Team Robins who have been given free health screenings through the Civilian Health Promotion Service, or CHPS, a chance that could help save lives. CHPS, an Air Force Materiel Command funded initiative, provides free health screenings for all DoD and appropriated funds civilians and emphasizes the importance of health by bringing health checks and health information classes to the workplace of civilian employees. The health screenings include measurements of blood pressure, pulse, height, weight, body mass index, and fasting blood work for cholesterol and glucose levels. “The registered nurses at CHPS come to the work areas to provide these services, so employees don’t have to spend time and money having these tests done at a doctor’s office,” said. Carol Boutwell, an RN nurse educator. “The program is strictly voluntary, and all results are confidential.” Lynn Oakes, nurse coordinator of the group, said the program is important because if a person doesn’t realize they

WHAT TO KNOW

CHPS is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 to 4:00p.m. The office is located in Building 207, Room C119, but individuals or organizations may call to schedule a screening or class in their work area. For more information, contact Lynn Oakes, at 327-8030. have health risks they can’t do anything about them. “You have to be responsible for your health, and this is a great opportunity to get a basic screening done and learn about health topics to improve yourself,” she said. “You want to live a healthy life and usually if you wait until you feel bad it’s very late in the process.” She said although the program’s four nurse educators only provide a screening tool to highlight what’s going on with those they screen and get them to their physician if needed, the services they provide are welcomed and appreciated. “When those who have been screened come back for their results they’re very grateful for what we’ve done,” she said. “It has opened the eyes of quite a few people as to what they need to deal with.” The voluntary program

gives employees a chance to check their health without leaving their offices or paying a laboratory bill. “Hypertension, high cholesterol and diabetes are all risk factors for heart disease,” said Rebecca Foley, RN nurse educator. “A recent health fair revealed that 45 percent of those who underwent blood pressure screenings had elevated blood pressures that day, and of the civilians screened this year, 31 percent have had elevated cholesterol, and 66 percent met the criteria for obesity, a risk factor for type II diabetes.” She added that because the risk factors are relatively painless, many times people can have them and be unaware of it until a major illness occurs. Mrs. Boutwell said CHPS is a Federal Occupational Health program and is strongly supported by Maj. Gen. Mike Collings, Center commander, and is part of Gen. Greg Martin’s, AFMC commander initiative to create a safe, healthy and fit work place. In addition to the health screenings, the group offers “lunch and learn” opportunities, and health education on diabetes, cholesterol and lipids, nutrition, skin cancer, stress management, colon can-

cer and weight loss. Mrs. Oakes said as a part of the Center’s health and wellness initiatives the screenings will continue. “We like to keep busy,” she said. “We go out into the work areas Tuesday through Thursday, and on Mondays people can come to Building 207 from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. and have the screenings done here. We also offer work place health education classes on a variety of topics.” For those who are tested at their workplace there is no need to leave even to pick up results. “Results are ready within a week,” said Mrs. Foley. “The nurses go back to the workplace and conduct one-on-one interviews with the screened worker where they are given their results. They then give an overall out briefing presentation to the group.” “We never discuss results with anyone other than the person who was screened,” Mrs. Oakes added. Mr. Brown has revamped his lifestyle, introducing better eating habits and exercise to his new healthy living plan. “I’m trying this out my way and I’ll see if my changes have worked when they come back next year,” he said. “If things haven’t changed then I’ll go see my doctor.”

IN BRIEF: DOD launches deployment health, family readiness library

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AFPN) – Servicemembers, their families and their health-care providers have a new online Defense Department resource for deployment health issues. The DOD’s Deployment Health Risk Communication Working Group and the Joint Task Force for Family

Readiness Education on Deployments have joined together to create the Deployment Health and Family Readiness Library. Ellen Embrey, deputy assistant secretary of defense for force health protection and readiness, announced the new online library Tuesday. It is intended to provide servicemembers,

families and health-care providers a quick and easy way to find information about deployment health and family readiness. The online library includes fact sheets, guides and other products on a wide variety of health topics. Information will be added to the site as new topics and areas of concern

emerge, she added. In focus-group meetings, servicemembers and their families have said their need for information varies before, during and after deployments, Ms. Embrey said. Leaders, in particular, look for accurate information before the deployment. While servicemembers are deployed, their

families are especially interested in getting deployment health-related information, and following deployments, both servicemembers and families look for this information, she said. **ONLINE: <http://deploymenthealthlibrary.fhp.osd.mil/home.jsp>**

Hispanic Heritage Month activities planned to help educate at Robins

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Robins is gearing up to give the local community a lesson in Hispanic heritage. The base is hosting its 30th annual Hispanic heritage celebration with a variety of activities from Sept. 15 - Oct. 15. Armando Diaz, a 542nd Combat Sustainment Wing plastics technician and 2005 Hispanic Heritage Committee chairperson, said the observance will offer education and fun for all ages. “We’re going to start the celebration Sept. 17, with a picnic at Gator Park,” he said. “There are 22 countries in Latin American and the Caribbean, and we’re going to represent every country with different types of dishes. We’re also going to have music, clowns and activities for the whole family.” The afternoon picnic, which is open to the local community, is only the beginning of an ongoing celebration of traditions that surround the growing Hispanic community, Mr. Diaz said. “We’ll have the Ogulia

WHAT TO KNOW Hispanic Heritage Month, which runs from Sept. 15-Oct. 15 at Robins, has offered a host of cultural-based activities to honor Hispanic history and educate the local community about its importance for 30 years. Robins’ Hispanic Heritage Committee will hold a variety of events, including entertainment, seminars and a luncheon as part of the 30th annual celebration. All events are open to the public and are free of charge. For more information, visit <http://members.cox.net/rafb-hho-2005/> or contact Armando Diaz, Hispanic Heritage Month Committee chairperson, at 926-1785.

Espanol Sept. 11 and 13,” he said. “It’s a seminar where we’ll have three or four guest speakers talk about Hispanic Heritage and how we support the community and bring the base and community together.” Other activities on tap include music, the Hispanic Spectacular at the Museum of Aviation’s amphitheater Sept.

24, various entertainment, a luncheon at the Museum of Aviation Sept. 20, and a banquet and Gala Night to round out the event schedule. “We’ll be having performers from all over Latin America, such as Puerto Rico, Cuba, Mexico, Spain, and other countries,” said Louie Barrientes, 542nd Support Equipment Vehicle Group equipment specialist and Hispanic Spectacular chairperson. “We’ll have dancers, vocalists and I will be performing with my horse, Regalo. We’ll also have a mariachi band strolling among the crowd to keep everyone pepped up.” Mr. Diaz said by reaching out to the young people and others in the community, he hopes to bring a greater awareness about this growing minority population. “This is an educational event for the community to learn what Hispanics are all about,” he said. “All of the activities have one theme behind them - developing a partnership with our community. We’re carrying that message throughout everything we’re doing.”

Sonia Cervantes, 542nd Combat Sustainment Wing contract specialist, is helping with this year’s observance and said Hispanic heritage is an important part of the community. “We’re a large and diverse group at Robins Air Force Base,” she said. “I think it’s important to go out and teach people about our heritage because we’re all different races and all different cultures. We bring different food, music and traditions that are of interest to people.” Marylou Medina, a program support clerk with the Civilian Personnel Office, who serves as the chairperson for the outreach portion of the Hispanic Heritage Committee, said the calendar of events gives the committee a chance to highlight what the Hispanic community has contributed. “We’re working at Robins Air Force Base and the diversity is very grand,” she said. “This event is for the community, not just the Hispanic community. This is meant to improve our work force. We hope everyone will come out.”

WATER
Continued from 1A Shawn Politino, Environmental Quality Branch chief for the 78th Civil Engineer Squadron’s Environmental Management Division, said water restrictions are still necessary. “Recent rains notwithstanding, Georgia has a limited water supply to serve a growing population,” he said. “Most con-

sumers might not realize that outdoor water use can account for up to 50 percent of total water use for a home during summer months.” Robins, as an operator of the base’s public drinking water supply system, and all public municipalities operating water systems in Georgia are enforcing restrictions. Water restrictions are based on state rulings and Robins Air Force Base Instruction 32-7064. Russ Adams, Water Quality

Program manager for the 78th Civil Engineer Squadron’s Environmental Management Division, said everyone plays a role in water conservation. “Our conservation efforts at Robins have reduced base water consumption by one-fourth over the past five years,” he said. “We will continue efforts to reduce water usage as long as there is no impact on the base mission.” The Georgia Department of Natural Resources manages water as a shared resource for

the public good, and reports that continuing the outdoor water use policy during non-drought periods will make water conservation behavior a part of our culture and allow for reasonable water use during drought periods. *Editor’s note: Russ Adams, Water Quality Program manager, 78th Civil Engineering Environment Management Division, contributed to this article.*

“The longer you are around, you realize that every generation has more in common than they don’t have in common....this generation of Airmen is no different than any generation that has ever served.”

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper, will retire in September

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Safe landing

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. – Space Shuttle Discovery sits at the end of the runway here after its safe landing Tuesday. The shuttle returned from a 14-day mission in space.

Honesty is vital to the Air Force

Honesty is a key element in the core values of the Air Force. It’s also vital to any organization responsible for maintaining the aircraft our war fighters fly.

When we perform maintenance on an aircraft here at Robins, we must ensure the safety of the air crew that will board that plane to fly a mission. We must have honesty in the accomplishment of our work; to do less could cost lives.

Within the 402nd Aircraft Maintenance Group there is a program in place, the Production Acceptance Certification Program, which empowers mechanics to certify the completion of a job. In order for this program to work, we must trust the mechanics to be honest.

The aircrews that fly the aircraft we maintain rely on the personal integrity of every mechanic that touches the

plane. We have to trust the mechanics to be honest about their work, because someone’s life is on the line every time the mechanic signs off on a job. Each signature represents a promise that the job has been done completely and correctly.

Just as we rely on and expect mechanics to be honest about the work they complete, we must also expect and rely on them to step forward when a mistake has occurred. This is especially important because of the possibility of foreign object damage (FOD).

The mechanic must constantly be aware of FOD and use methods for prevention. Mechanics are required to inventory their tool boxes daily to ensure all of their tools are accounted for. When a tool is out of place, the mechanic must report it and a process to locate the tool begins immediately. We would much rather a mechanic

say a tool was misplaced and locate it here on the ground than to have an aircraft crash due to FOD.

We trust our mechanics to be honest about tool control, and by the same token, we respect them for stepping up to the plate when a tool is misplaced.

Just as we expect honesty regarding tool control, we also want honesty and integrity in place regarding the operation of special equipment.

Last year, unfortunately, the Center saw the death of one Airman and the serious injury of another due to improper use of a man lift. We honestly have to admit proper procedures were not being followed.

We owe it to our work force to enforce the proper use of special equipment. Man lifts are a special-interest item in the 402nd Maintenance Wing. They have the potential to injure or kill someone if not configured

properly and operated safely. We are currently taking steps to find potential problems with the equipment before the problem finds us.

We absolutely expect and rely on the work force to exercise personal integrity when operating a man lift. We don’t want to lose anyone else in a man lift accident.

Yes, honesty is key to the maintenance arena. We could not operate without it. We must demand and expect it throughout the chain of command.

At the end of the day, each member of the 402nd AMXG must ask themselves one question: “Would I load my family on the airplane I worked on?” The answer has to be an unconditional, “Yes.”

This commentary was written by Stephen K. Adcock, 402nd Aircraft Maintenance Group quality office manager.



Col. Greg Patterson
78th Air Base Wing
commander

Commander’s
Action Line

Action Line is an open door program for Robins Air Force Base personnel to ask questions, make suggestions or give kudos to make Robins a better place to work and live.

Remember that the most efficient and effective way to resolve a problem or complaint is to directly contact the organization responsible: Security Forces 327-3445; Services Division 926-5491; EEO Office 926-2131; MEO 926-6608; Employee Relations 926-5802; Military Pay 926-3777; IDEA 926-2536; Base hospital 327-7850; Civil engineering 926-5657; Public Affairs 926-2137; Safety Office 926-6271; Fraud, Waste and Abuse hotline 926-2393; Housing Office 926-3776. This gives the organization a chance to help you, as well as a chance to improve their processes.

To contact the Action Line, call 926-2886 or for the quickest response, e-mail one of the following addresses: If sending from a military e-mail system select, Robins Commanders Action Line from the Global Address List. If sending from a commercial e-mail account, use action.line@robins.af.mil. Readers can also visit <https://www.mil.robins.af.mil/actionline.htm>. Please include your name and a way of reaching you so we can provide a direct response.

Action Line items of general interest to the Robins community will be printed in the Robins Rev-Up. Anonymous action lines will not be processed.

DOT approved motorcycle
helmet

I have been riding Harleys on base for years, and I conform to the requirements of long sleeves in the summer, reflective clothes, gloves, etc., but this morning it hit a new high. I wear a \$200 NXT/Helmet, made of Kevlar/carbon fiber, Department of Transportation approved because it’s lighter in the summer.

At Gate 14 recently, I was stopped and informed by a military gate guard that since my helmet was not 1-inch thick I could not come on the base. I asked to see the regulation that covers the thickness, and he said he had it in the guard shack. After a lengthy search, he could not provide the regulation. I did give him my name, office symbol and phone number and asked that he call me with the regulation number so I could read it.

Could someone either let me know the regulation that covers the thickness of a helmet or inform the gate guards of the requirements?

Commander’s reply: Thank you for bringing this subject to my attention. AFI 91-207, USAF Traffic Safety Program, governs motorcycle safety and operations but does not address helmet thickness. Several Security Forces members who recently attended safety training were confused by the instructor’s statement that helmets should have an inch of padding to be approved by the DOT. The member you encountered was apparently acting on that information, but there is no written guidance to support the statement.

All personnel performing base entry control duties have now been briefed that DOT approval is the safety standard for motorcycle helmets. Personnel have also been instructed that if there is a concern about safety of a helmet, they are to ask the operator to remove the helmet and inspect for DOT approval. Again, thanks and please accept my apology for the inconvenience.

‘Dear Roz’

Q: Will the current system for annual performance evaluations change when NSPS is implemented?

A: Yes, the NSPS performance management system is a performance directed environment that rewards performance and employee contributions to the organization’s mission objectives and goals. The new performance management system will be a pay-for-performance system. It’s designed to foster a high-performing culture, encourage employee participation and communication, and enhance the overall effectiveness of the mission objectives and goals of the employee’s organization (wing, squadron, unit, etc.) and ultimately the Center.

Supervisors will be required to work with employees to establish performance goals and expectations that are aligned with their strategic alignment and deployment plans. This can be an

individual goal and objective or organizational and team goals. In addition, conduct (e.g., behavior, professional demeanor) will be recognized as an expectation or element of performance.

A process of ongoing feedback and communication between supervisors and employees will be essential. This process will include periodic performance reviews between the supervisor and the employee on how the employee is progressing towards attaining his or her established performance goals. Under the NSPS performance management system, ratings will reflect meaningful distinctions in employee performance, and a formal process will be established for employees to request reconsideration of performance ratings.

Supervisors and managers will be held accountable under the new system on how effectively they use the tools provided by NSPS when implementing the new pay-for-performance

system. They will be subject to the same pay and performance provisions as employees

An initial period of intense training is planned to help employees, supervisors, managers and human resources practitioners understand and carry out their roles, responsibilities and obligations under the new system. In addition, all employees will receive specific operational training prior to being converted into the new system. All proposed training is currently in the developmental stage and as additional information is received on the proposed training, it will be provided to all employees at Robins.

Rosalind ‘Roz’ Overton, NSPS transition assistant, will address employees’ NSPS concerns in the Robins Rev-Up each week. For more information, call Ms. Overton at 926-4023 or visit the NSPS link at www.robins.af.mil.



Rosalind ‘Roz’ Overton is a National Security Personnel System transition assistant.

Military justice

During the period of August 6 through 12, no members of Robins Air Force Base received non-judicial punishment under Article 15 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

There were no administrative discharges under the rapid airman discharge program for this time period.

– 78th Air Base Wing Legal Office

Contracting director earns award for putting people first

By **HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD**
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Patsy Reeves knows the importance of putting people first, and her recent award is testament of that.

Ms. Reeves, Center Contracting director, was recently presented the 2005 John Magnotti Award for

Acquisition Mentorship, a federal government award that recognizes individuals who motivate their employees by assigning challenging work and providing performance feedback, using innovative training tools and focusing on best practices from public and private sectors. The contracting executive,

who was named as the Air Force nominee for the award by the deputy under secretary of the Air Force for contracting, said the award means a lot to her personally and professionally.

“This is a very important award to me because I believe it recognizes efforts toward investing in other people,” she

said. “Maj. Gen. (Mike) Collings (Center commander) has really come out with the ‘People First, Mission Always’ motto, and we’ve got some very exciting things going on at the Center to demonstrate that we really do believe people are first.”

Ms. Reeves, a 29-year civil servant, said while it’s impor-

tant to be recognized for performance, it’s even more exciting when people are recognized for investing in other people.

Candidates for the award must have at least 15 years of civil or military service as a contracting officer contract specialist or procurement analyst.



Patsy Reeves is the Center Contracting director and winner of the 2005 John Magnotti Award for Acquisition Mentorship.

116th come home



Capt. Sean Godfrey gets greeted by his son Sean Jr., 4, wife Simone and son Sammy, 5 months, Aug. 4. About 250 members of the 116th Air Control Wing returned from Southwest Asia.

Courtesy photo by JASON VORHEES

■ IN BRIEF

NCO retraining

The fiscal 2006 NCO Retraining Program will target about 1,100 NCOs (staff sergeant, technical sergeant, master sergeant and senior master sergeant) to retrain from Air Force Speciality Codes with NCO overages to AFSCS with NCO shortages. The voluntary phase of the program runs through Oct. 14. If necessary, an involuntary phase will begin shortly afterwards. Some restrictions apply, depending on grade and AFSC. Contact your local Military Personnel Flight at 327-7353 for complete details and a list of available retraining in AFSCs.

Travel Office changes

AirTrak will be the new travel office contractor at Robins. The conversion from Bay Area Travel to AirTrak will go into effect Aug. 22. Those traveling Aug. 19-23 will need to get their tickets issued by Thursday at 2 p.m. Bay Area Travel will be closed after the conversion. The fiscal 2006 rates are not available at this time for those traveling in October. Reservations cannot be made until September. The travel office will be open on Aug. 22. For more information, contact the Traffic Management Office at 222-0110.

— All from staff reports

Summer Bash celebration



U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP

Above, Summer Bash concludes with fireworks over Duck Lake Saturday. The display lit the sky with an array of color and could be heard for miles around. Entertainment included the Air Force Reserve Command Generation Band, Katie Randall, Kaysea Bucher (both winners from the Family and Teen Talent Show) and Southern Charm. Right, Gabi Alonzo, 14 months old, and Angel Rivera ride a carnival ride at Robins Park. Despite intermittent rain, Services estimates more than 5,000 people came out to enjoy the rides, sports, food and fireworks.



Above, Kori Edington, 11, gets SpongeBob SquarePants painted on her face. Left, a new attraction this year was the Renaissance re-enactment with period costume and sword fighting.

Spiders can provide important service – pest control

By LANORRIS ASKEW
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If your method of dealing with spiders is squash first and ask questions later, then you’re just like most people.

But according to Dr. Bob Sargent, there’s a lot less to fear than you think.

The names black widow and brown recluse may conjure up images of horror and fear, but for the most part Dr. Sargent, natural resources manager here, said the eight-legged creatures are not aggressive.

“The brown recluse is not a common spider in Georgia, and it’s extremely rare to find one here, but most people think they are common,” he said. “It’s good for people here on base to know what they look like though because, like other arachnids and like insects, they can be found on military installations because people here move so often.”

He explained that because some base residents may have been stationed in the heart of the recluse’s range, when their belongings were packed and shipped it’s conceivable they could’ve brought the spider here.

“That’s how small animals get moved around all the time in this country,” he said. That’s why it’s good to know how to recognize them.”

The brown recluse

Dr. Sargent said a University of Georgia state-wide survey with various extension offices, other universities and various experts have in three years only found eight bona fide brown recluses.

“There are 10 to 12 species of recluse spiders in the United States, and their range is from Texas north to Nebraska; east to Ohio and south to the Gulf Coast including northwest Georgia,” said Dr. Sargent. “Obviously we’re on the fringe of its range, and they’re extremely rare.”

He added that the small tan or brown spiders aren’t aggressive and when people are bitten it’s usually because they’ve inadvertently come into contact with them.

“A person may put on a shoe they haven’t worn in a long time and they jam their toes inside



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Tech. Sgt. Mansur Cooper demonstrates how people should be careful moving storage items.

and the spider bites defensively,” he said. “The spiders are nocturnal animals that spend their days in their web and hunt at night. When daylight comes, instead of being back at their webs they may take refuge in a pile of clothes on the floor. When someone goes to put the clothes on and their skin comes in contact with the spider they get bitten. They don’t actively seek out people to bite.”



Dr. Bob Sargent is Robins’ natural resources manager.

The black widow

You would think the name says it all, but although this quarter sized arachnid is known for her questionable mating habits she’s not a “maneater”.

“While the brown recluse is extremely rare and probably not found on base, the black widow spider is,” said Dr. Sargent.

A nocturnal spider much like the recluse, the black widow differs in one significant way: it stays in its web and food comes to it.

“Insects are caught in its web and the spider injects a disabling toxin and literally sucks the juices out of the insect,” said Dr.

Sargent. “The male widow spider does leave the web to look for mates but they don’t bite and are not a threat.”

Dr. Sargent reminds us that all spiders are predators and serve an important role.

“All of them prey on insects, including a number of insects people especially don’t want in their homes like roaches,” he said. “They also point out problems people have in their homes.”

However, if people are noticing a lot of spiders in their home there are probably a lot of insects in the home which means you should look at the things that are attracting the insects.

If and when a problem with spiders occurs, Tech. Sgt. Mansur Cooper, noncommissioned officer in charge of pest management, said the entomology crew is ready to help.

“If it gets to the point where someone is being over run or spiders are otherwise becoming a problem, we’ll come out and address it,” he said. “Sanitation is the number one means of control, so before we use chemicals we go on a sanitation type inspection where we look around to if see if there are any problems.

That means checking on items that haven’t been moved in a while, like standing rubbish piles.

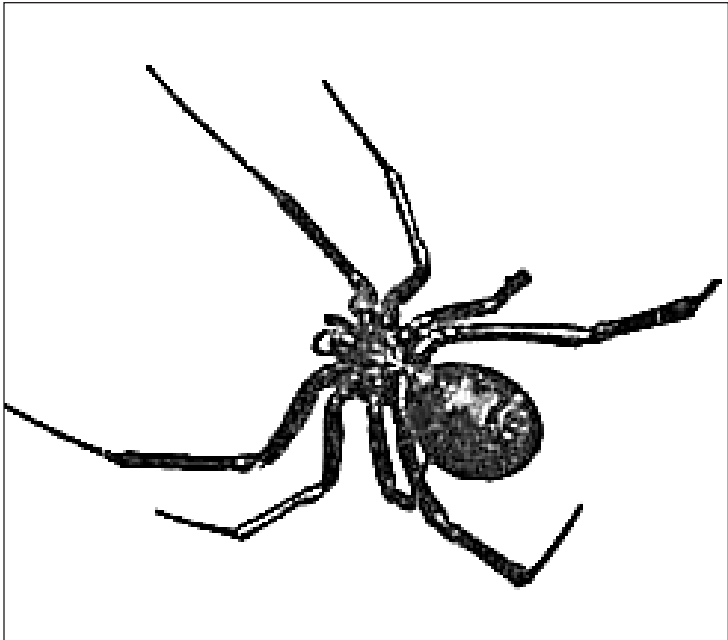
“If you have an area where

SAFETY TIPS

Before dressing, shake out clothing, shoes, and hats that have not been worn for a while. Wear shoes and gloves when getting fire wood, lumber, and other items that have been stored for a long time. Get rid of clutter in basements, closets, attics, and garages. Dust and vacuum around windows, corners of rooms, under furniture, and in storage areas regularly.

Source: www.dhr.georgia.gov

there are a lot of flies like rubbish piles or trashcans the spiders accumulate there because they have a place where they can feed,” said the sergeant. “A lot of people think that if there is a problem the answer is to just go out and spray, but in my business we try to look at a non-chemical approach first and as a last resort go the chemical route.”



Courtesy photo

Black widow

HOW TO RECOGNIZE THEM

The **black widow** is black with a red hourglass or red spots on the underside of its abdomen and has a bulbous body and short legs. The **brown recluse** is tan or brown and has a violin-shaped mark on its head. It's slightly bigger than the black widow and has long legs with a small body. Both spiders build their webs close to the ground in dark crevices.



Courtesy photo

Brown recluse

Senators urge continued funding for Air Force depot strategy

By **1ST LT. LEA ANN CHAMBERS**
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WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio – A proposed Senate amendment commending the Air Force for implementation of its Depot Maintenance Strategy and Master Plan urges a continued commitment of \$150 million a year over six years for logistics and sustainment transformation initiatives.

The amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act was proposed July 25 by Sens. Orrin Hatch, James Inhofe, Bob Bennett and Saxby Chambliss, members of the Senate Air Force Depot Caucus. Each senator represents one of the three states where Air Force depots are located.

The amendment asserts that the Air Force’s Depot Maintenance Strategy and Master Plan lays out essential requirements for the Air Force to maintain a ready and controlled source of in-house technical competence. Since the publication of the strategy and master plan, the service has made great progress toward modernizing all three of its depots, according to the amendment.

“The key to this overall reinvigoration has been the Air Force’s Depot Maintenance Strategy and Master Plan that will ensure America’s air and space assets are ready to rapidly respond to any national security



Sens. Saxby Chambliss, R-Ga., **Orrin Hatch**, R-Utah, **James Inhofe**, R-Okla., and **Bob Bennett**, R-Utah, proposed an amendment commending the Air Force for implementation of its Depot Maintenance Strategy and Master Plan and urge a continued commitment of \$150 million a year over six years for logistics and sustainment transformation initiatives.

threat,” Senator Inhofe of Oklahoma said.

The amendment states that funds expended to date to carry out the depot strategy have produced successful transformation projects to reduce the time necessary for aircraft depot maintenance.

AFMC is responsible for overall management, policy and guidance for the Air the Air Force’s three depots - Ogden Air Logistics Center at Hill Air Force Base, Utah, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center at Robins Air Force Base, Ga., and Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla. The depots also provide worldwide aircraft engineering and logistics management.

Gen. Gregory S. Martin, commander of AFMC, said the Depot Maintenance Strategy and Master Plan have benefited the nation’s Global War on Terrorism by generating cost

savings. AFMC’s depots are beginning to operate in the black. The command turned back \$570 million to the Air Force last year that went to fighting the war.

Senator Hatch cited performance of his home state of Utah’s depot at Hill AFB as an example of improvements made in the depot system. “At Hill Air Force Base, the C-130 and F-16 aircraft maintenance lines have achieved and sustained 100 percent on-time delivery rates,” he said.

At Robins, the 402nd Maintenance Wing has produced all but one of its scheduled programmed depot maintenance aircraft early or on-time so far this fiscal year, according to Clark Hollingsworth, depot maintenance resource analyst.

“As of August 5, the wing produced 175 aircraft which includes 152 scheduled and 23 unscheduled aircraft,” he said. “Fifty-two of the scheduled air-

craft went back to the operational fleet early.”

Following up on the senator’s remarks Brig. Gen. Gary T. McCoy, director of Logistics and Sustainment at Air Force Materiel Command headquarters, said, “Four years ago, aircraft that came into the depots for maintenance went out on time only 61 percent of the time. Last year the combined rate for all three depots was 92 percent. This year our on time delivery is at 99 percent. This means more iron in the hands of the war fighter to meet mission requirements.”

Senator Hatch also praised the capability of the depots to provide supply chain management for millions of components and pieces of equipment. Senator Inhofe added, “In one year alone with this depot strategy funding, the Air Mobility Command reported the rate of aircraft grounded due to parts issues decreased by 37.6 percent.”

“When you tour our depots, you can sense the excitement and renewed pride the workers have, in part, because of the [new] processes and the new tools and infrastructure provided by the funds allocated by the depot strategy,” said Senator Hatch.

General Martin agreed. “I’ve seen very, very impressive work by mostly Air Force civilians who don’t get much credit for the work they do for our nation. It’s really amazing.”

Rumsfeld lauds AF progress in adapting to fight terrorists

By **ARMY SGT. SARA WOOD**
American Forces Press Service

DALLAS – Airmen worldwide have been filling nontraditional roles to contribute to the fight against a multifaceted, adaptive insurgency, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said here Aug. 2.

Addressing a meeting of the Air Force Sergeants Association, Secretary Rumsfeld highlighted the different jobs Airmen have been doing in the war on terrorism including manning gun trucks, escorting supply convoys and working on Army vehicles.

On a recent trip to Balad Air Base, Iraq, Secretary Rumsfeld said he was impressed by the work of these Airmen, especially the Air Force doctors and nurses who treat coalition forces and Iraqi civilians.

This change in the Air Force is part of the overall military strategy needed to combat the insurgency there, which is unconventional and does not face the same limits coalition forces do, he said.

“We face enemies (who) have no territory to defend,” he

said. “They have no treaties to bind; they’re unencumbered by laws, by bureaucracy, by regulations. They have a significant advantage – they need to succeed only occasionally.”

To defend against this insurgency, the coalition must be on the offensive and be successful all the time, Secretary Rumsfeld said.

“Our coalition must be on the attack, rooting out the terrorists wherever they are,” he said.

Besides fighting the terrorists directly, the coalition needs to help other countries develop tools to fight them as well, Secretary Rumsfeld said. These countries must be strengthened so they do not become havens for terrorists, he said.

Iraqis continue to make significant progress toward democracy, Secretary Rumsfeld said, adding that the resolve of the Iraqi people and the dedication of coalition troops will ensure a victory.

“Let me say that I have every confidence in the world that we will win this test of wills (in Iraq),” he said.

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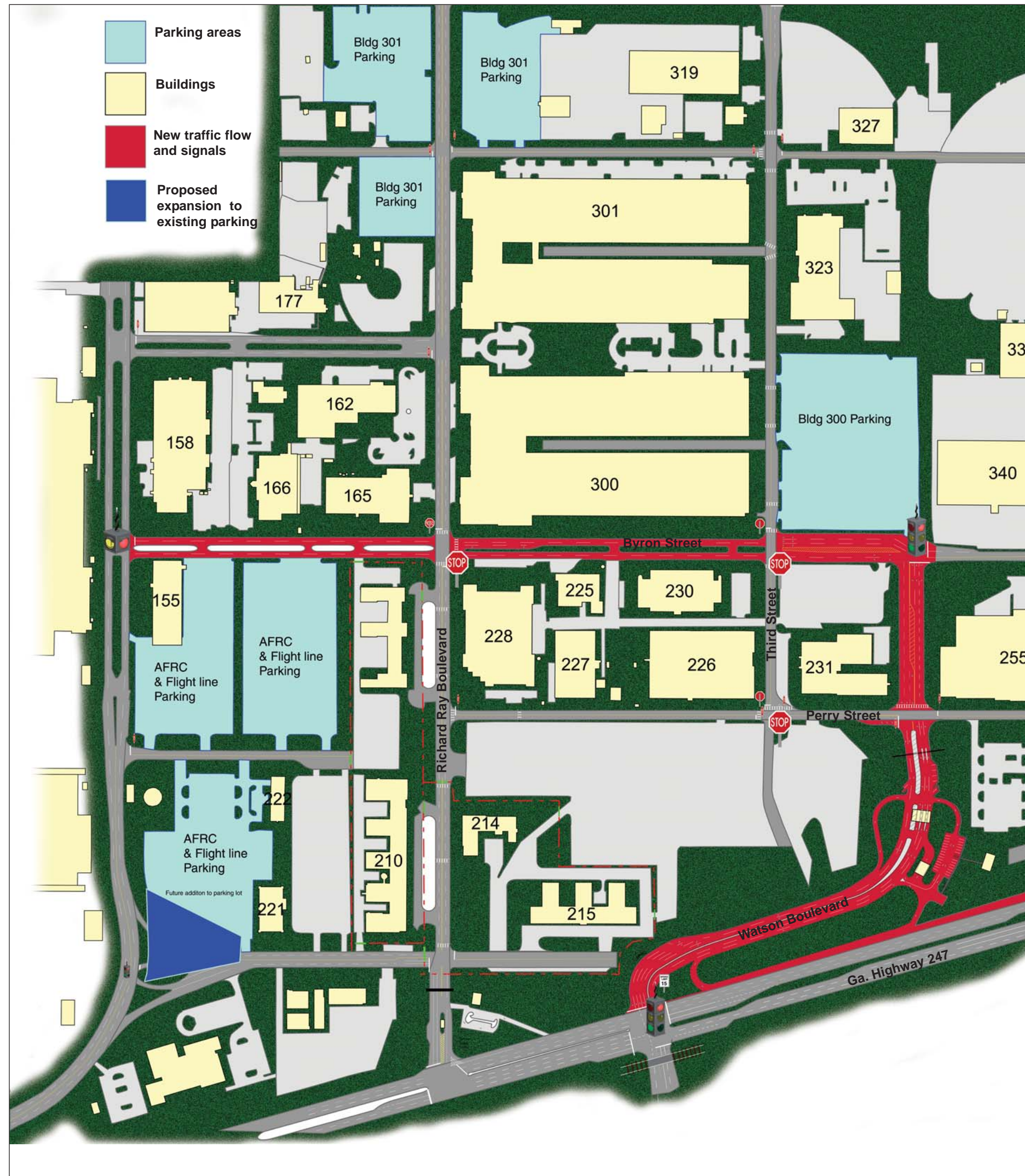


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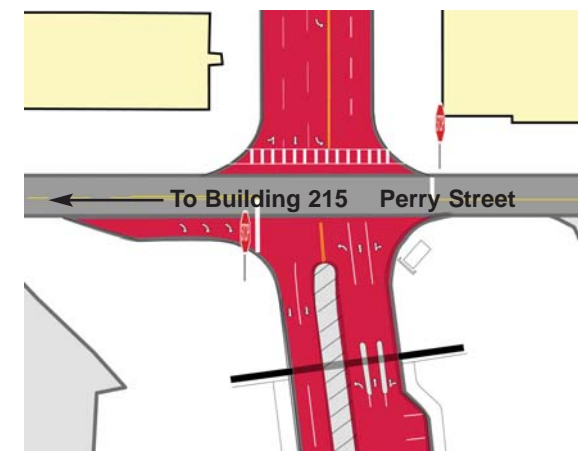


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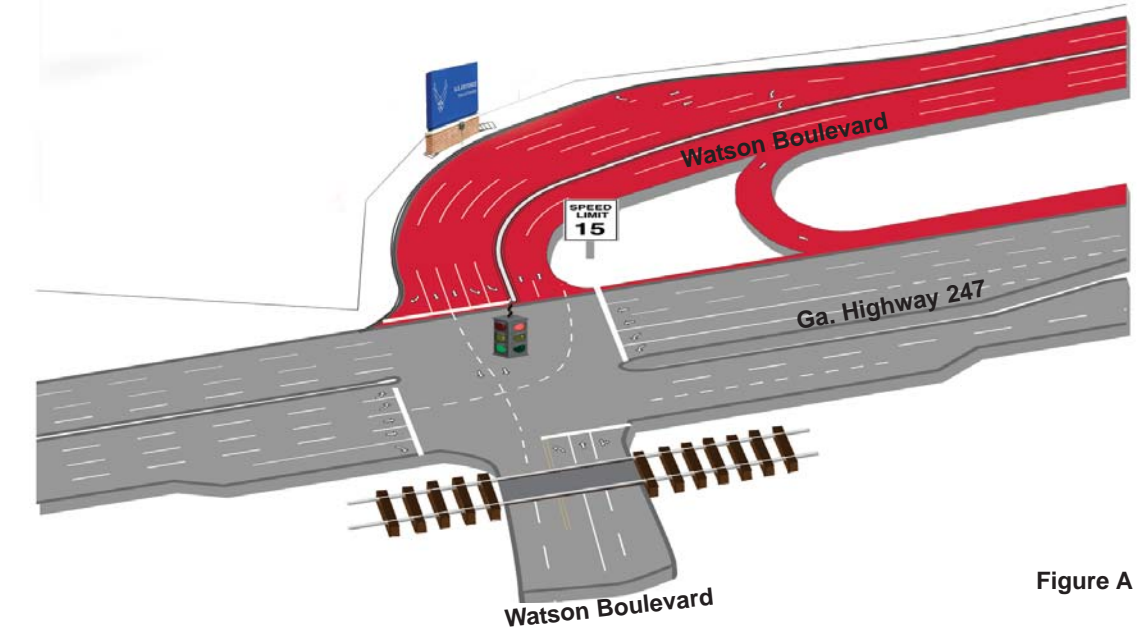


Figure A

Changing lanes

Robins to open new gate, alter base traffic pattern

Robins will soon see changes in traffic flow when the base's new main gate opens and the current main gate closes permanently Aug. 20.

In-coming base traffic from Watson Boulevard will travel straight across Ga. Highway 247, entering the base using two lanes. Southbound traffic on Ga. Highway 247 will have two left turn lanes at the Watson Boulevard intersection and a third lane will allow northbound traffic to enter the base at the new main gate (figure A).

Commuters who park behind Building 215 will need to take the left lane to turn onto Perry Street. People accessing the Visitor's Center need to take the right lane to enter the parking area. Drivers may use the right or center lane to reach the traffic signal at Byron Street, which will become a four-lane road-

way from Third Street and First Street Saturday (figures B and C).

Stop signs at Byron Street and its intersection with Third Street and Richard Ray Boulevard will be removed. Stop signs will be placed at the Third Street and Richard Ray Boulevard intersections, with new traffic signals at Byron Street and Watson Boulevard activated Aug. 20 (figure D).

Drivers may access the large parking lot south of Building 300 on the other side of the intersection (figure C).

Drivers should anticipate some delays as base employees grow accustomed to the new traffic flow. For more information, contact Chip Bridges, project engineer with the 778th Civil Engineer Squadron, at 926-3533 ext. 28601.

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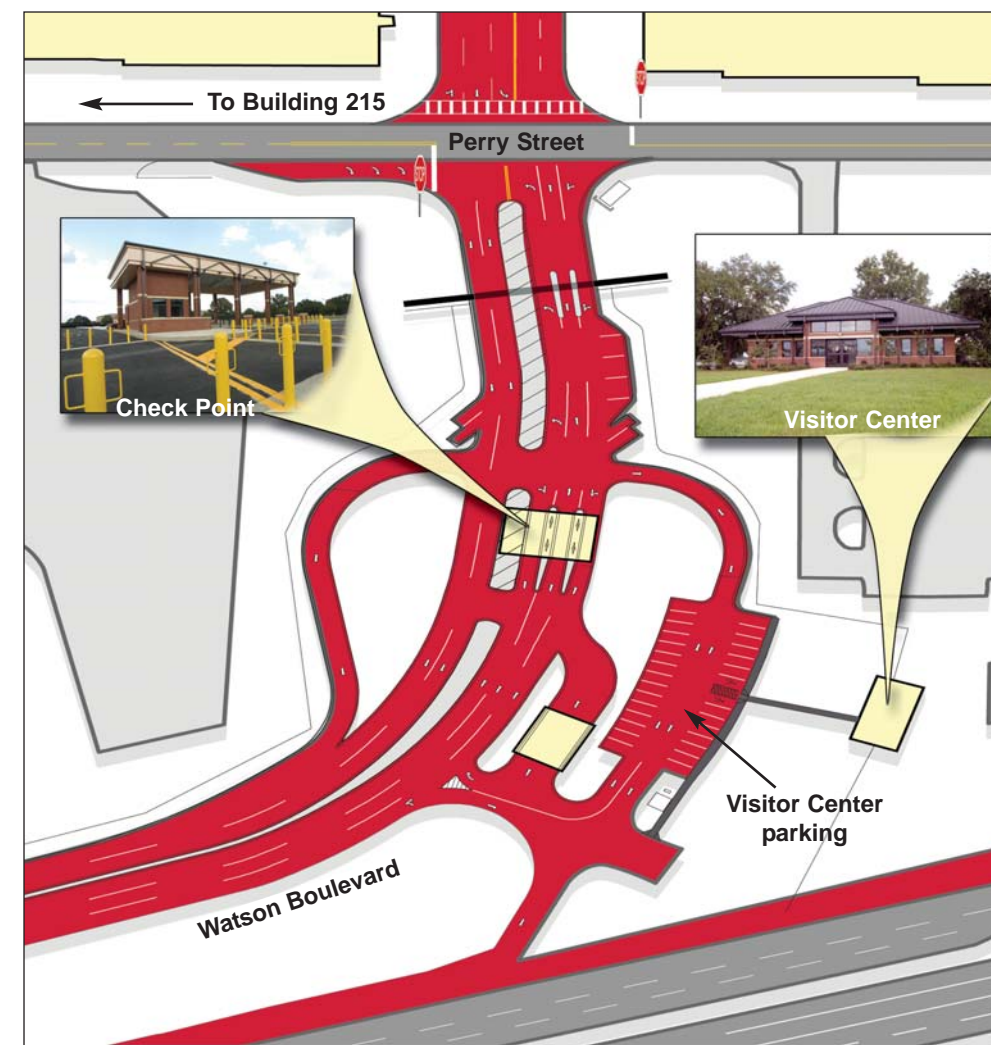


Figure B

Graphic illustrations by STAFF SGT. BRIAN BAHRET

TODAY

A Quartermania will be held today and Aug. 19 from 1 - 8 p.m. at the bowling center. Pay \$5 per person and then pay a quarter for each game you bowl and a quarter for shoes.

Hispanic Heritage Observance Bowl-a-thon will be at 1 p.m. at the Base Bowling Center.

Maj. Gen. Mike Collings, Center commander, will host the Team Robins, 2nd Quarter Awards ceremony at 2 p.m. at the Century of Flight Hangar. Commanders, supervisors, family members, and friends are encouraged to attend. For more information, call Master Sgt. Sharon Ward at 926-0792.

Catfish on the curb is offered Fridays from 5 - 7 p.m. at the Enlisted Club. Togo dinners include catfish, coleslaw or potato salad and hush puppies for \$5.95.

The Middle Georgia Chapter of the Military Officers' Association of America meets at 6 p.m. at the Officers' Club. Come on out and socialize with your fellow officers and enjoy a meal and program. For more information, contact Bill Goodwin at 929-3362.

Belly dancing classes will be held today and continue every Friday from 6 - 8 p.m. The 6-week course costs \$60 per person. Register now at the Smith Community Center. Must be 12 years old and older to register. For more information, call 926-2105.

SATURDAY

A yard sale will be held at the Smith Community Center from 7 a.m. - 1 p.m. Saturday.

A Robins Air Force Base open golf tournament is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday. Cost is \$50 for annual green fee members and \$80 for guests and includes green fee, golf car and prizes. For more information, call the pro shop at 926-4103.

The teen lock-in is Saturday. Twelve volunteers are needed to serve as chaperones starting at 8 p.m. and ending 8 a.m. Aug. 14. Anyone interested should contact Marvin Hawkins at 926-5601 or marvin.hawkins@robins.af.mil.

A scrap booking class will be held from noon - 6 p.m. at the Smith Community Center. For more information, call 926-2105.

SUNDAY

The Officers' Club brunch is from 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. with all-you-care-to-enjoy breakfast and dinner entrees. Cost is \$9.95 for members and \$11.95 for nonmembers.

The pool closure schedule is the following: Officers' Club Sunday and the Enlisted Club Sept. 5. This is due to the availability of lifeguards going back to school or college. For more information, call 926-4001.

MONDAY

The Robins Prisoner of War Missing in Action Memorial Organization meets from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Smith Community Center.

Come out and enjoy line dance lessons every Monday from 6 - 8 p.m. in the Smith Community Center ballroom. Cost is \$30 per person, and class size is limited to 40 students. Must be 16 years and older to participate. For more information, call 926-2105.

TUESDAY

The Civil Air Patrol is looking for volunteers from the Robins community. Membership is open to citizens age 18 and older, and we have a cadet program for kids age 12-18. The Middle Georgia Squadron meets Tuesdays at the Middle Georgia Regional Airport in the ASA training building from 7-9 p.m. To find out more, go to www.capnhq.gov, or contact Todd Engelman at 213-4569 or PlaneFlyr@bellsouth.net.

‘Magic’ comes to North Carolina



U.S. Air Force file photo by LISA TERRY MCKEOWN

FORT BRAGG, N.C. – Greg Streeter tries to play around Earvin ‘Magic’ Johnson’s defenses in an exhibition basketball game here July 29. Streeter and three other Airmen from nearby Pope Air Force Base were part of a combined Air Force and Army basketball team that faced Johnson and his team of former NBA professionals. Streeter is assigned to the 43rd Maintenance Squadron.

Officers' Christian Fellowship meets at 7:15 p.m. at a member's home. For more information, contact Capt. Melissa Cunningham at melissa.cunningham@robins.af.mil or 1st Lt. Ann Walsh at ann.walsh@robins.af.mil.

Karaoke is held at the enlisted club every Tuesday from 8 p.m. - midnight with Bobbie. Semi-finals will be held Tuesday with finals to be held Aug. 23. For more information, call 926-4515.

WEDNESDAY

The Ravens Toastmasters Club meets at 11:15 a.m. in the Special Operations Forces Management Directorate's conference room No. 1, Building 300, East Wing, door E-4. For more information, call Altry James at 222-2245.

Dance lessons are given every Wednesday from 6 - 8 p.m. at the officers' club. For more information, call 926-2670.

THURSDAY

Procurement Toastmasters Club, open to all of Team Robins, meets at noon in the Contracting Directorate's conference room, north end of Building 300. For information, call Lily Fickler at 222-1673.

Robins Top 3 Association meets at 3 p.m. at the Enlisted Club. For information, call Master Sgt. John Maldonado at 926-7686 or Senior Master Sgt. Cynthia Cummings at 327-7639.

Col. Bradley Heithold, Center vice commander, will conduct a Hail and Farewell at 4 p.m. in the Officers' Club ballroom. Spouses are invited to attend the event and fellowship that follows. For more information, call 1st Lt. Charles Williams at 926-5387 or 2nd Lt. Marsha Hurtado at 926-6048.

Come out to the greatest after work party and ladies night out every Thursday from 6 - 9 p.m. at the enlisted club. Enjoy jazz and rhythm and blues entertainment.

UPCOMING

A series of movies in the park featuring the Star Wars Trilogy will be held at

Robins Park: "A New Hope," Aug. 19; "The Empire Strikes Back," Aug. 26 and "The Return of the Jedi," Aug. 27. Movies start at dark.

Guests may bring lawn chairs and blankets and concessions will be on sale. Rain or high winds will cancel. For more information, call the Smith Community Center at 926-2105.

A four play walleyball tournament will be held Aug. 20 at 10 am. Awards for first and second place teams. For more information and to register, call 926-2128.

Command Texas Hold 'Em tournament starts Aug. 20. Enjoy eight weeks of play with one winner advancing to win the coveted Command Championship with a grand prize of \$1,500.

Winner will receive a club card credit of the amount won (must be a club member to win prizes). Free to club members and nonmembers \$15. For more information, call 926-4515.

Everyone is invited to come out and roll the dice during Bunco at the Smith Community Center Aug. 22 at 6 p.m. Must 16 years or older to play.

The Officers' Spouses' Club will hold a special activities coffee Aug. 25 at 10 a.m. at the Museum of Aviation (Hanger One). Representatives from base and community organizations will be on hand to provide information about Middle Georgia.

Enjoy OSC special activities, clubs and volunteer opportunities including: bowling, book club, bridge, bunko, golf, mahjongg, play group, scrap booking, tennis, thrift shop, and tours. Reservations aren't required. For more information, contact Nandalee Sarandos at 953-8137, 442-1567 or RobinsOSC@gmail.com or Heather Walrath at 218-0493 or hhillw@hotmail.com.

Enjoy Jazz and Rhythm and Blues with Ken Trimmings and Quiet Storm Aug. 25 from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. in the main lounge of the Robins Officers' Club. For more information, call 926-2670.

A dinner dance will be held Aug. 27 at the officers' club. Dinner will be held from 6 - 9 p.m. Dancing will be from 7 - 11 p.m. in the ballroom with musical entertainment by Bob Cummings. For more information, call 926-2670.

Win prizes at Family Night Bingo at the Smith Community Center Aug. 29. Doors open at 5 p.m., and games start at 6 p.m. Cost is \$3 per package. (Limit three packages per person). This is a 3C event. For more information, call 926-1303.

The Al-Sihah Shriners circus will be held Sept. 10 and 11 at the Macon Coliseum. Advanced tickets sales are available at ITT; \$10 adults and \$5 children (4 - 12 years).

Show times are Sept. 10 at 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Sept. 11 at 1:30 and 5 p.m. For more information, call 926-2945.

The Arts and Crafts Center will be accepting entries from youth and adults for the artist's craftsman and photo contest base-level Sept. 19 and 20. Judging will take place on Sept. 21. Winners will be announced and certificates presented on Sept. 23 at 4 p.m. Open to all military, DoD and immediate family members. For more information, call 926-5282.

Robins Hispanic Heritage Committee presents the Hispanic Spectacular Show Sept. 24 at the Museum of Aviation amphitheater from 7 to 10 p.m.

Gates open at 6 p.m. Enjoy a night of cultural music and live performances. Bring your lawn chairs, snacks and beverages.

For more information, visit <http://members.cox.net/rafb-hho-2005/>

The Information, Tickets and Travel office has tickets for the Oct. 1 and 2 Food World 300 and UAW-Ford 500 at the Talladega Super Speedway in Talladega, Ala. Tickets located in the Talladega section are \$110.

This is for both days and includes a pre-pit pass for Sunday race. Tickets are also available for the Oct. 29 and 30 Easy Care Vehicle Service Contracts 200 and Bass Pro Shops MBNA 500 at the Atlanta Motor Speedway.

Tickets are \$50 for both days and are located in the east turn section. For more information, call 926-2945.

To have an item listed, send it to Angela Trunzo at angela.trunzo@robins.af.mil by 4 p.m. Monday prior to the Friday of intended publication.

NOW PLAYING



Adult tickets are \$3.50; children 11 years old and younger tickets are \$2. Movies start at 7:30 p.m., unless noted. For more information, call the Base Theater at 926-2919.



TODAY

Mr. and Mrs. Smith
Angelina Jolie, Brad Pitt
(doors open at 6:30 p.m.)

John and Jane are an ordinary suburban couple. But each of them has a secret - they are both legendary assassins working for competing organizations. When the truth comes out, John and Jane end up in each other's cross-hairs. *Rated PG-13 (sequences of violence, intense action, sexual content and brief strong language)* 120 minutes

SATURDAY

Rebound
Martin Lawrence, Wendy Raquel Robinson
(doors open at 1 p.m.)

Coach Roy once was college basketball's top mastermind. But lately his attentions have been on his next endorsements, not on his next game. *Rated PG (mild language and thematic elements)* 103 minutes

Dark Waters
Jennifer Connelly, John C. Reilly

Dahlia is determined to put her relationship with her estranged husband behind her and devote herself to raising her daughter. But when the strained separation disintegrates into a bitter custody battle, her situation takes a turn for the worse. *Rated PG-13 (mature thematic material, frightening sequences, disturbing images and brief language)* 105 minutes

CHAPEL SERVICES

Catholic
Catholic masses are held at the chapel each Saturday at 5:30 p.m., Sunday at 9:30 a.m., on Holy Days of Obligation at noon and at a 5 p.m. vigil the day before, and Monday through Friday at noon. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is Saturday from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

Islamic
Islamic Friday Prayer (Jumuah) is Fridays at 2 p.m. in the chapel annex rooms 1 and 2.

Jewish
Jewish service is Fridays at 6:15 p.m. at the Macon synagogue.

Orthodox Christian
St. Innocent Orthodox Church service is at the chapel on the second Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m.

Protestant
General services take place Sundays at 11 a.m. The service includes some traditional and contemporary worship styles in music and format. Protestant inspirational services take place Sundays at 8 a.m. Contemporary services take place 11 a.m. Sundays at the Base Theater. This service is informal and includes traditional and contemporary styles of music and worship.

The chapel helps with spiritual needs that arise. For further information, call the chapel at 926-2821.

DONATE YOUR LEAVE

Employee-relations specialists at 926-5307 or 926-5802 have information and instructions concerning requests to receive or donate annual leave. To have an approved leave recipient printed in the

Robins Rev-Up, wings should send information to Angela Trunzo at angela.trunzo@robins.af.mil. Submissions run for two weeks.

Mary Beth Rawls, WR-ALC/FMRD. Point of contact is Andrea Akles at 222-2366.

Wynn Dining Facility manager confident in bid for Gold Plate

By **LANORRIS ASKEW**
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Whether you’re hankering for ham and eggs, longing for liver and onions or craving their world famous catfish and fries, Wynn Dining Facility has something to whet everyone’s appetite and keep them coming back for more.

The facility, which daily serves about 900 military personnel and civilians here on tours of duty, has proven its salt by being selected to vie for the the Air Force Materiel Command Gold Plate Award.

The award is presented annually to AFMC’s best dining facility, and the winner goes on to compete for the Hennessy Trophy, which salutes the best dining facility in the Air Force.

Although winning the award would put icing on the cake, Shirley Sexton said they already know they’re the best dining facility in the Air Force.

“We know we have the best food,” the dining facility manager said. “We have people from all over the Air Force, civilians, Army and Marines tell us ours is the best food they’ve ever gotten at a military dining facility.”

Tech. Sgt. Larry Hall, a security forces officer who eats at the facility daily, agrees.

“They have really good food and the service is always courteous,” he said. “I’ve been here since 1988, so I remember the old chow hall, and this is a drastic improvement.”

Mrs. Sexton remembers the old days, too.

“It’s a lot different than it was a long time ago when there was a



U.S. Air Force photo by **SUE SAPP**
Porntiwa O'Brien serves a meal from the hot food line.

set menu and your only choices were either eat it or you don’t,” she said. “We’ve got all of the stuff here that you could get at a restaurant.”

No matter what time of day your hunger strikes, chances are the facility has something you’ll enjoy. It’s open for breakfast from 6 to 8 a.m., with lunch following from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The dinner shift runs from 3:30 to 6 p.m. and extends to a carry-out only service from 6 to 7 p.m. A midnight breakfast is served from 11 p.m. to 12 a.m.

While the food may be what draws the crowds, it’s the atmosphere that keeps them there. For racing enthusiasts or those who want something different, a recently christened NASCAR themed room is the talk of the town.

“The new NASCAR theme has gone over well,” said Mrs. Sexton. “The Air Force wants everyone to have themes for their dining rooms. We let our folks vote and they chose NASCAR – and that’s what we gave them.”

The room, unveiled March 17, is filled with racing memorabilia.

“The food is excellent and it’s a great atmosphere,” said Master Sgt. Keith Wynn, who visits regularly. “The people are really

WHAT TO KNOW

The AFMC Gold Plate inspection team will arrive Aug. 22 and judging will be done Aug. 23 and 24. This year Robins will once again compete against Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M., in the single category. Kirtland won the competition last year.

friendly and there’s a large variety. That’s what I like.”

Nearly 60 people work at Wynn Dining Facility during its five meal option shifts. Franklin Hulsey, contract manager with the Georgia Co-op for the Blind, said more than 30 percent of those are handicapped employees.

“Our original goal was to hire at least 20 percent handicapped employees, but since the start of the contract we have been able to exceed that goal.”

He added that the customer service provided by the entire crew is an important ingredient in their recipe for success.

Mrs. Sexton agreed.

“When our customers leave we want them to have a full belly and know that they have had a good healthy meal,” she said.

To ensure that is the case, healthy choice items are highlighted on all menus.



Shirley Sexton is the Wynn Dining Facility manager.

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Jose Carlos Linares, 1st Lt.

99th ARS
Christopher L. Giles, 1st Lt.

951st RSS
Nester O. Nunez Jr., 1st Lt.

78th CEG
Eric M. Brown, Capt.

78th MSG
Piavanessa F. Tupper, 1st Lt.

128th ACCS
Eric C. Masino, Capt.
Ryan D. McKenzie, 1st Lt.
Drew D. Roper, Capt.

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Jimishi Lewis Smith, Capt.
116th CES
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Jason D. Scott, Capt.

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Security forces Airmen keep contraband off Kirkuk



U.S. Air Force photo by TECH. SGT. J. LAVOIE

KIRKUK AIR BASE, Iraq – Senior Airman Jeff George looks in a third-country national's lunchbox to ensure it does not contain contraband.

By **TECH. SGT. J. LAVOIE**
506th Air Expeditionary Group Public Affairs

KIRKUK AIR BASE, Iraq (AFPN) – During the lunch-hour rush at a dining facility in Mosul, Iraq, a suicide bomber managed to penetrate base security and kill 22 Americans Dec. 21, 2004. Since then, American bases in Iraq have successfully increased security measures.

Every day, 506th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron Airmen diligently work the search area at base entry gates to ensure the same type of attack does not take place here.

“Our mission is to effectively search and deter persons from entering with, or bringing on, unauthorized contraband and (improvised explosive devices),” said Staff Sgt. Marcos Garcia, of the 506th ESFS.

All people, vehicles and equipment that enter the base from the local area must pass through the search area. Everyone and everything goes through a complete search, from X-raying vehicles to ensure they do not have hidden compartments, to frisking each individual. After being searched, civilians are escorted during their

time on base.

“If we didn’t conduct searches, anyone could bring anything on,” said Senior Airman Jeff George, of the 506th ESFS. “It allows us to bring local workers on safely so (they can) complete projects on base.”

The 506th ESFS Airmen find a variety of contraband on a daily basis, ranging from knives and weapons to pornography and alcohol.

“We are the first to encounter the vehicles and personnel on a daily basis,” Sergeant Garcia said. “It’s important we conduct thorough searches to protect the personnel and resources we have on this base.”

The language barrier and complacency are the two main obstacles security forces combat daily.

Many of the third-country nationals and local nationals entering the base do not speak English, and most 506th ESFS Airmen are not fluent in Arabic or Kurdish, resulting in difficulty communicating.

“You have to be able to give instructions, be able to tell (Iraqis) to open doors and panels,” Airman George said. “We become pretty fluent in hand signals.”

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506th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron

Complacency is something they fight every day.

“You see the same people come in every day,” Airman George said. “Just because you see someone every day doesn’t mean he’s a good guy. He could be waiting for us to get complacent, learning our search techniques.

“Even if he is a good guy, someone could have planted something on his vehicle while he’s parked off base,” he said.

Because of the potential threat, 506th ESFS Airmen remain vigilant to help ensure weapons and explosives do not make their way onto the base.

19th ARG incentive flight gives spouses look at refueling mission

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Christina Rodriguez said she knew her husband, Pete, a boom operator with the 99th Air Refueling Squadron, refueled aircraft, but thanks to a recent spouse incentive flight she understands his mission a little more.

Mrs. Rodriguez was one of about 20 spouses from the 19th Air Refueling Group who took to the skies July 28 as part of a spouse incentive flight to refuel

F-15s just off the Florida coast.

The 33-year-old South Carolina native said the experience put her in touch with the Air Force mission.

“I’m really excited and thankful for the opportunity (to see what he does),” she said.

Natalie Barnes, whose husband Airman 1st Class Marcus Barnes is also a boom operator, said she went on the flight to understand his job.

“I wanted to be a part of this just to find out what he does, so when he talks about it, I

kind of have an idea (about what he means),” she said. “I think it’s really awesome, because a lot of spouses don’t really know what’s going on. This gives us a chance to really understand.”

Spouses were chosen for the incentive flight through the Key Spouse Program, a Family Support Center-based program that gives spouses a single point of contact for information.

Maj. Phil Frazetta, chief of Current Operations with the

19th Operations Support Squadron, said the 19th ARG is trying to offer more spouses the chance to learn about their mission through the incentive flight program.

“I think a lot of the spouses that have been around a few years have probably had the opportunity to do this,” he said. “I think it’s key for the younger (spouses). When you have the younger boom operators and younger co-pilots who are newly married, bring their wives in it and gives them an

appreciation for what we do on a daily basis.”

Terri Camp, whose husband Capt. Rod Camp flies the KC-135R, said the experience of seeing the refueling mission from the cockpit gave her an adrenaline rush.

“I thought it was awesome,” she said. “I’ve seen the inside of the plane, but to actually see the refueling process was exciting. It had my heart racing...It was exciting to see how close the planes get when they’re refueling.”

Airman loses stripes, gains bars in drug conviction

By **SENIOR AIRMAN AMAANI LYLE**
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

SPANGDAHLEM AIR BASE, Germany (AFPN) – People who raise their right hand in allegiance to the military know this promise inherently calls for resolute fearlessness.

Last summer, however, one Airman’s involvement with narcotics made him realize there is a fine line between courage and audacity.

“I just honestly thought I could never get caught,” said 20-year-old Airman Jake Hawkins, formerly a 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron pavement and equipment apprentice, now a Mannheim Correctional Facility prisoner.

Airman Hawkins left his family home in Spencer, Ind., when he was 17 with the same composite of nervousness, excitement and hope shared by many young people beginning their adult life.

“Right after 9-11, I accelerated all my high-school testing so I could finish school early and join the military,” he said. “It was such a great feeling to hear people say, ‘That boy’s doing something positive with his life.’”

Now, one of the last things Airman Hawkins hears each night is the latch of the steel door – a constant reminder of his imprisonment for the introduction of Ecstasy onto a military installation, as well as illegal use and distribution of the popular club drug.

Following tips from a couple of his friends and a subsequent investigation by the Air Force Office of Special Investigations, Airman Hawkins was apprehended July 29, 2004, in a dormitory sting transaction with an informant.

While he should have been on permanent-change-of-sta-

tion status this summer to Moody Air Force Base, Ga., his plans were instead thwarted by what he describes as shuffled priorities.

“I’ve definitely learned my lesson, and my priorities are straight now,” Airman Hawkins said. “I’m all about supporting my family.”

The stakes were much higher than he thought.

Airman Hawkins said his lapse in judgment cost him the opportunity to see the birth of his twin girls this year. His reaction to the conviction seems almost unexpected in light of the consequences.

“In a way, getting busted was the best thing that ever happened to me,” he said. “I still love the Air Force – I just got involved with the wrong environment, the wrong crowd. I was more worried about myself than my future.”

The Airman said his future seemed, at best, uncertain once Air Force officials became aware of his drug use.

“Airman Hawkins just about came to tears when he realized that this situation was very real, and he could lose everything he held close to heart – his job, his family, everything,” said Master Sgt. Thomas Bathe, 52nd CES’ pavements and equipment section chief and Airman Hawkins’ second-line supervisor.

“I’m only sorry that when he was first presented the choice to use drugs or not, he didn’t apply the standard of responsibility he’s now brought to the forefront of his life,” Sergeant Bathe said.

This very choice is one that an increasing number of adolescents must make each day. The opportunity to encounter Ecstasy grows in proportion to the staggering rate of its manufacture.

According to the Drug Enforcement Administration’s

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Web site, the administration seized more than 3 million pills in 2000, with most of the pills likely manufactured in illegal pharmacies in western Europe. The drug can make its way into the hands of as many as 10 percent of people ages 12 to 24.

“The majority of the world’s Ecstasy continues to be produced in laboratories in the Netherlands and, to a lesser extent, Belgium,” said Steven Casteel, DEA assistant administrator for intelligence. “Given the increasingly global demand for the drug and the high-profit potential derived from its sale, production will likely expand to other areas in the future.”

With Ecstasy being detected in more than 900 urinalysis tests conducted by the Department of Defense in 2001, the numbers show that Ecstasy pills are slipping past the gates of military installations just as easily as they bypass schoolyard fences.

Wherever drugs may end up, Sergeant Bathe said the

responsibility is ultimately a personal one.

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These actions led up to long days, gang showers, bunk beds and a forfeit of all privacy for Airman Hawkins. With about 12 months of confinement ahead of him before he returns to the civilian world, he stands by his message to Airmen.

“I grew up quickly and learned the hard way,” Airman Hawkins said. “If you make bad decisions, eventually you will get caught. Period.” (Courtesy of U.S. Air Forces in Europe News Service)

General thanks Robins employees



U.S. Air Force photo by ERIC PALMER

Brig. Gen. David L. Stringer, Arnold Engineering Development Center commander at Arnold Air Force Base, Tenn., tells a group of Robins employees 'thank you' for a job well done at a ceremony in Building 670 July 26. The employees were involved in the repair of AEDC 16T compressor spacers. Following his remarks, the general presented each member of the team one of his commander's coins and a certificate of appreciation.

Air Force seeks applicants for IAS program

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas – The Air Force is seeking to develop a cadre of Air Force officers with international insight, foreign language proficiency and cultural understanding to work in today’s security and expeditionary operations environment.

The Air Force will select officers at the mid-career point, normally seven to 12 years, deliberately develop them and use them in demanding international/political-military assignments as International Affairs Specialists.

Officers will be nominated by their owning development team for an IAS secondary career path and receive formal training and education with follow-on assignments on one of two develop-

ment paths. Path 1, the Political-Military Affairs Strategist, offers a well managed career broadening opportunity to gain international experience. Path 2, the Regional Affairs Strategist, places officers on a more demanding developmental opportunity with multiple IAS assignments. RAS assignments generally will alternate with primary Air Force Specialty Code assignments and ideally complement primary AFSC career development.

Officers interested in applying for this program must submit a Transition-Officer Development Plan through their reviewer to their AFSC assignments and functional development team expressing a desire for

RAS development. T-ODPs must be received no later than Aug. 31.

Officers interested in RAS consideration must take the Defense Language Aptitude Battery. Contact your testing official at your military personnel flight to accomplish this test.

The first selection process for RAS development will begin in September. Selected officers will begin training in spring or summer of 2006.

For more information, go to <https://www.my.af.mil/iaw/iaw>. For more qualifications or eligibility information, officers should contact their appropriate assignments/development team or the AFPC IAS assignments team at DSN 665-4071.